

## NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY MEMORANDUM

### TO: Business Advisory Council

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**Trades Council** 

**FROM:** Nathan Kelly, Chair

DATE: November 29, 2019

RE: Business Advisory Council

Friday, December 6, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**NOACA Offices** 

1299 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

I look forward to seeing you on *Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the NOACA offices*.



# NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY Friday, December 6, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. NOACA Offices

1299 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114

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NOACA Offices, 1299 Superior Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio

### Agenda Item No. 1

### **MINUTES**



### **Business Advisory Council Meeting**

September 27, 2019 NOACA Offices 1299 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114

**Present:** Please see the attached attendance record.

Mr. Nate Kelly, Chair of the Business Advisory Council (BAC), convened the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

### **Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Ms. Virginia Benjamin to approve the minutes of the BAC meeting held on June 28, 2019. The motion was seconded by Ms. Janice Parham. The motion passed by voice vote.

#### **Public Comments**

No public comments were made at this meeting.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Grace Gallucci announced that NOACA's senior staff will be attending advisory council meetings going forward. Senior staff introduced themselves.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

No action items were presented at this meeting.

### PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

### Air Quality Public Outreach and Education

Ms. Mara Caputo provided background on the Air Quality Public Education and Outreach Strategy and reviewed the following:

- Mission Statement
- Strategy Document Outline Action Plan that includes the following goals:
  - o Goal #1: Increase awareness of the air quality challenge in Northeast Ohio
  - Goal #2: Educate the community on the causes and potential solutions for the air quality challenge in Northeast Ohio
  - Goal #3: Empower employers, healthcare providers, and educational institutions with resources to be air quality champions
  - Goal #4: Promote a culture at NOACA that better integrates air quality with other programs
  - Goal #5: Promote strategies outside of NOACA to change transportation and infrastructure policy and increase clean air funding

- Draft Communication Plan (audiences)
- Best opportunities for NOACA to reach audiences
- Recommended types of paid advertising
- Key points

Ms. Caputo stated that NOACA will begin implementing the Air Quality Public Education and Outreach Strategy and Communication Plan and staff will provide BAC with updates.

Ms. Benjamin asked how public-private partnerships would work when NOACA implements the program. Ms. Caputo said staff will identify stakeholders in the private and public sectors and work on consistent messaging for an idle reduction campaign.

Ms. Mary Samide asked if the recent reduction of rules by the Federal Government affected local government on air quality.

Mr. Joe MacDonald stated that the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) have not been rolled back by the current administration and the NOACA region is still noncompliant on two of six air quality standards since those standards have been tightened over the past few years.

Ms. Bethany Dentler asked for suggestions on how to get commuting strategies to Medina County residents. She also asked if Cleveland and Akron could survey employers to find out if people live and work in the same county.

Mr. Joe MacDonald stated that Gohio Commute is set up for NOACA to reach out to employers across the region to encourage them to set up subsites on the platform, provide incentives and create challenges within their own organizations so NOACA can capture a broader audience and encourage them to learn about carpool, rideshare, and public transit options. Mr. MacDonald stated that Gohio Commute is much more effective at growing alternative commuting and covers all metropolitan areas in the state.

Ms. Gallucci informed members that the draft Air Quality Public Education and Outreach Strategy and Communications Plan were included in the meeting packet. She asked members to let staff know if they have any questions. She said staff will finalize and implement the strategy and communications plan after all comments have been submitted to NOACA.

### **Great Lakes Hyperloop System Update**

Ms. Kathy Sarli provided an update on the Great Lakes Hyperloop System Feasibility Study that included information on the following phases of the project scope:

- Phase 1: Project Objectives and Organization Stakeholder engagement process
- Phase 2: Site Reconnaissance and Preliminary Route Analysis
   Hyperloop route extended to Pittsburgh

### Additional feasibility study tasks

• Phase 3: Technical and Financial Feasibility

Hyperloop Ridership Forecast in the Cleveland-Chicago-Pittsburgh

Corridor

2022 Freight Revenue Forecast

2022 Total Passenger and Freight Revenue by Source in the

Cleveland-Chicago-Pittsburgh Corridor

Socioeconomic and Transfer Payments Improvements Summary

Property Value Improvement by Station Coverage Area

Station Location at 150 mph

Phase 4: Project Development Cost and Schedule

Ms. Gallucci stated that information on the above-referenced phases was shared with the Hyperloop Technical Advisory Committees, but it is not public information. She asked BAC members to respond in generalities when making comments about the feasibility study. She noted that staff will present parts of the feasibility study to other stakeholders and to the general public in the future.

Mr. Kevin Schmotzer asked if NOACA looked at the Hyperloop's impact on the reduction of carbon in Northeast Ohio. Ms. Sarli said yes and noted that the Hyperloop will benefit the public at large. She mentioned that staff looked at the reduction of emissions of auto and freight off the roads.

Ms. Parham asked if the implementation of the Hyperloop will offset or hurt Hopkins International Airport's chances to attract large businesses. Ms. Sarli said the potential for economic development is a possibility and would enhance people's travel.

Ms. Benjamin asked if staff knew how much it would cost for people to travel by Hyperloop. Ms. Sarli said it would probably cost about the same as commuter rail or maybe a little less.

Ms. Gallucci stated that the objective is to redefine a region into a megaregion so people will be able to use the Hyperloop every day regardless of their income.

### SFY 2021-2024 TIP Projects Recommended for NOACA Funding

Mr. Randy Lane stated that NOACA is in the process of developing its SFY 2021-2024 TIP. He noted that the TIP contains road, bridge, public transit and other transportation projects scheduled for implementation and includes projects supported by federal funds through NOACA, ODOT and transit agencies. Mr. Lane mentioned that over 700 potential projects were identified through a comprehensive planning process. He noted that approved projects represent the priorities in the LRTP and align with asset management and performance measures initiatives. Mr. Lane reviewed the following:

- Project prioritization STBG, TAP and CMAQ Programs
- Regional priority
- Approved projects to receive STBG, TAP, and CMAQ Program funds
- NOACA funding by general project type (total of \$148.6 million)
- Impact of approved projects

Mr. Lane stated that staff will work with the sponsors of approved projects to finalize scopes, schedules and fiscal constraint for inclusion in the SFY 2021-2024 TIP. He noted that the final draft TIP will be presented to the Planning and Programming Committee for review and recommendation on January 17, 2020 and then to the Board for approval on March 6, 2020.

Mr. Schmotzer asked if there has been any effort to bury or consolidate utility lines with the streetscape improvements. Mr. Lane stated that some communities choose to bury the utility lines for scenic reasons and/or coordinate with others to provide an upgraded facility. Mr. Lane noted that the financing in the TIP will not be used for burying utilities.

### **NOACA SFY 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Project Planning Reviews (PPRs)**

Mr. Ed May provided background on PPR and presented information on the following projects:

- CUY IR 77 11.21 Major Rehabilitation (PID 105743) This project involves replacing pavement on IR-77 from approximately the CSX Bridge to Broadway Avenue (SR-14). The total cost of this project is \$71.2 million. No NOACA funds will be used for this project.
- CUY IR 77/Miller Rd Interchange (PID 104983) This project involves completing
  the existing partial diamond interchange at IR-77 and Miller Road by adding exit
  and entrance ramps, auxiliary lane, left turn lanes, and right turn lanes. The total
  cost of this project is \$4.9 million. No NOACA funds will be used for this project.
- CUY IR 90 6.83 Major Rehabilitation (PID 76779) This project involves replacing the pavement along I-90 from the Hilliard exit ramp bridge to I-71 in Rocky River, Lakewood and Cleveland. The total cost of this project is \$103 million. No NOACA funds will be used for this project.
- CUY IR 271 10.24 Noise Barriers (PID 108655) This project involves constructing approximately 3,200 feet of Type 1 noise barrier along the east side of IR-271. The total cost of this project is \$1.6 million. No NOACA funds will be used for this project.
- GCRTA FY 2020 Capital Program & 2016, 2017 and 2019 Revision Four projects need to be added to the FY2020 Capital Program and revisions need to be made to five existing grants. The total cost of the program is \$54.5 million. No NOACA funds will be used for this program.

Mr. May reviewed project comments from NOACA staff and the advisory councils. He noted that staff will coordinate with the project sponsors accordingly.

#### **NEORSD 2020 Green Infrastructure Grant**

Mr. MacDonald stated that NOACA submitted a request to NEORSD to get a Green Infrastructure Grant for its Net Zero Cool proposal. Mr. MacDonald reviewed the following phases of NOACA's green project:

- Phase I (Building) (\$360,000)
- Phase II (Parking Lot) (\$350,000)

• Phase III Wall Mural (Walls "Ribbon That Wraps The Package") (\$95,000)

Mr. MacDonald also reviewed the annual runoff reduction benefits of Net Zero Cool and the timeline for NOACA to implement the project if it receives a grant from NEORSD. He said if NOACA is awarded the grant, the proposal will be presented to the Board on December 13, 2019; project construction would begin on March 31, 2020 and would be completed by March 31, 2021.

Ms. Gallucci stated that the Net Zero project will give people an opportunity to learn more about NOACA's environmental work.

Ms. Samide talked about how well pervious pavers work.

Mr. Don Romancak asked if NOACA has to provide a local match in order to get the NEORSD Green Infrastructure Grant. Mr. MacDonald said no, but noted that NOACA would contribute 20% of the funds needed for the project. Mr. Romancak asked if private companies within the NEORSD region could apply for the grant. Mr. MacDonald said yes.

### Reports / Updates

No reports or updates were presented at this meeting.

#### Old Business

No old business was presented at this meeting.

#### **New Business**

Ms. Dentler thanked Ms. Gallucci for visiting Medina County and presenting information on commute patterns and workforce development. She noted that she has received great feedback from NOACA's presentation.

Ms. Gallucci thanked Ms. Dentler for her comment and said she hopes NOACA's workforce development work will be a model for the region.

### Adjournment

Mr. Kelly stated that the next BAC meeting will take place at the NOACA offices on December 6, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

MEETING DATES	3/22/19	6/28/19	9/27/19	12/6/19
Virginia D. Benjamin – Calfee, Halter & Griswold, LLP	Х		Х	
Thomas Birkel – Manufacturing Works	Х	Х	Х	
Alice Cable – Alliance for Working Together	X	X		
Bethany Dentler – Medina County Economic Development Corporation			X	
David Favorite – Geauga County Department of Development	X	X		
Anthony Gallo – Lorain County Chamber of Commerce	Х	Х		
Treye Johnson - Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland	X	X	X	
Nathan Kelly – Cushman Wakefield	Х		Х	
William "Bill" Koehler – TeamNEO Christine Nelson – Alternate	Х	А		
Janice Parham – Building Owners and Managers Association	Х	Х	Х	
Donald Romancak – Lorain County	Х	X	X	
Mary Samide – S.O.S Incorporated		Х	Х	
Kevin S. Schmotzer – City of Cleveland Economic Development (Briana Butler, Alternate)	Х	Х	Х	
Brian Smith – Cleveland Clinic				
Frank Aucremanne – Cleveland Clinic		X	X	
David J. Wondolowski – Cleveland Building and Construction Trade Council				
TOTAL MEMBERS ATTEND:	11	11	10	

X=Member present A=Alternate



### Business Advisory Council Meeting September 27, 2019 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Member Sign-in Sheet

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David Wondolowski – Cleveland Building and Construction Trade Council	

### Agenda Item No. 2

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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### **CHAIR/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **ACTION ITEMS**

### Agenda Item No. 5

### PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS



### NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: NOACA Business Advisory Council

**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

**DATE:** November 27, 2019

RE: Planning Reviews (PPRs)/ Intergovernmental Review and Consultation (IGRC); 3rd

**Quarter State Fiscal Year 2020** 

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

No action is requested at this time. This item is for information and presentation only.

#### **BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION**

Attached are PPR summary documents for the proposed project to be presented to the NOACA Transportation Subcommittee, Planning and Programming Committee and Executive Committee for review and recommendation.

NOACA's Board approved <u>Regional Transportation Investment Policy</u> requires that all proposed federal-aid transportation projects be processed through PPR in order to meet NOACA's adopted goals and federal requirements.

PPR consists of four levels of review: NOACA staff; Board, including committees, subcommittees, and councils: intergovernmental review and consultation (IGRC); and public involvement. The end product of PPR is a Board resolution that certifies that the project has had thorough review, allowing the project to proceed to the programming stages of the planning process.

As part of the PPR process, a detailed summary of the proposed improvement and staff and committee assessment of the project are posted on NOACA's website, <a href="www.NOACA.org">www.NOACA.org</a>. A link to the PPRs is included on the home page by clicking the 'Comment on Projects' button. Staff adds comments obtained from the public, governmental organizations and NOACA committees as they are received. Proposed projects are posted on the website for three months, allowing adequate time for review and comment.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

### **CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

Pending Board approval, the project sponsor will be notified that their project has completed PPR. NOACA staff will work with the project sponsor to address any planning issues identified during PPR.

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**Attachments: Project Summary** 

### Improvements along Cleveland Avenue in Elyria

Title: Improvements along Cleveland Avenue in Elyria

Sponsor: City of Elyria

Estimated Total Cost: \$7,206,891

Proposed Source of Federal Funds: ODOT and NOACA

**History/Background:** The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Safety program provides funds to ODOT and local governments for highway safety treatments or corrective activity designed to alleviate a safety problem or a potentially hazardous situation. The program is funded at approximately \$100 million annually. Priority is given to those projects with recommended activities/countermeasures that improve safety at roadway locations with a high frequency, severity, and rate of crashes.

There are two application cycles per year. Applications must be signed off by the respective ODOT District Safety Review Team. A safety engineering study must typically accompany the application unless the application is for preliminary engineering funds to complete the study.

The following project was selected for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding.

The NOACA Board of Directors adopted Resolution 2019-045 approving the projects to be funded with NOACA administered Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding and STBG set-asides for Transportation Alternatives Projects (TAP) for the state fiscal year (SFY) 2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program. The projects recommended for NOACA funding included rehabilitation of Cleveland Street, in the City of Elyria.

**Proposed Project:** LOR CR-658 - 00.00 (CLEVELAND ST): PID No. 110986 - This project involves rehabilitation along Cleveland Street, from East Bridge Street and Gulf Road to Hawthorne Street in Elyria (maps and illustrations). The work will include full and partial depth pavement repair, resurfacing, replacement of curbs, deteriorated culverts and roadway drainage catch basins, and installation of a roadway underdrain system and conduit. The City will also implement a road diet, reducing the number of lanes along Cleveland Avenue, from four (4) through lanes to three (3) lanes (one lane in each direction and a center turn lane).

According to the sponsor, the number of curb cuts will be minimized, access point locations will be controlled and bicycle lanes will be possible. The project will also include crosswalks, ADA (Americans with Disabilities) ramps, intersection improvements, new sidewalk, lighting and the creation of bicycle lanes. The project will also include pavement markings, signage and the replacement of the traffic signal at the intersection of Olive Street and possibly Gulf Road. Traffic calming measures will also be considered with the project including curb bump-outs and contrasting pavements. The project will also involve improvements to the intersection at East Bridge Street/Cleveland Street with four-leg non-circular roundabout.

The STBG funding is dedicated to the roadway rehabilitation component of the project. The HSIP funding is dedicated to the road diet and roundabout components of the project.

The project's estimated total cost is \$7,206,891. The estimated cost of preliminary engineering preliminary development (PEPD) is \$352,952. The estimated cost of preliminary engineering detailed design (PEDD) is \$173,842. The estimated cost of right-of-way (RW) is \$300,000. The PEPD, PEDD and RW will be funded with HSIP funds (\$744,115) and local funds (\$82,679). The estimated cost of construction (CO) is \$5,900,097. The CO will be funded with STBG funds (\$3,329,686), HSIP funds (\$1,255,885) and local funds (\$1,314,527). The estimated cost of construction engineering (CE) is \$480,000. The CE will be locally funded.

### **Staff Comment (Summary):**

#### RECOMMENDATION:

- A transition for the bike lane into the roundabout should be provided, such as wide sidewalks/shared use paths and signage for bike traffic moving through the roundabout intersection.
- Consider utilizing ladder-style crosswalk markings across Cleveland Street, in addition to the contrasting pavement. The visual contrast of a differing pavement type tends to fade over time, and ladder-style markings would maintain the safety benefit of a high-visibility crosswalk. (Example: see West 25th Street and Detroit Avenue intersection crosswalks).
- Consider utilizing the center turn lane to create median refuge islands to improve the safety of crosswalks along the corridor. Median refuge islands are an FHWA Proven Safety Countermeasure.
- O The work summarized in this PPR will occur within two subwatersheds: 1) Black River Mainstem and Jackson Ditch-East Branch Black River. According to Ohio EPA's 2018 Integrated Report (IR) Watershed Assessment Unit (WAU) summary, sampling results along the Black River Mainstems subwatershed indicate that the river is in full and partial attainment of its Aquatic Life Uses (ALUs). The WAU lists the causes of impairment as due to nutrients and conductivity modifications associated with municipal point source discharges. According to the 2018 IR WAUs, the Jackson Ditch-East Branch Black River subwatershed's sampling sites are in full, partial and nonattainment due to sedimentation/siltation due to natural causes (Black River falls) NOACA staff recommends that ODOT maintain stormwater runoff on-site for as long as possible to keep nonpoint source pollutants from reaching the Black River. NOACA staff also recommends that ODOT consider incorporating habitat restoration along the river wherever possible.

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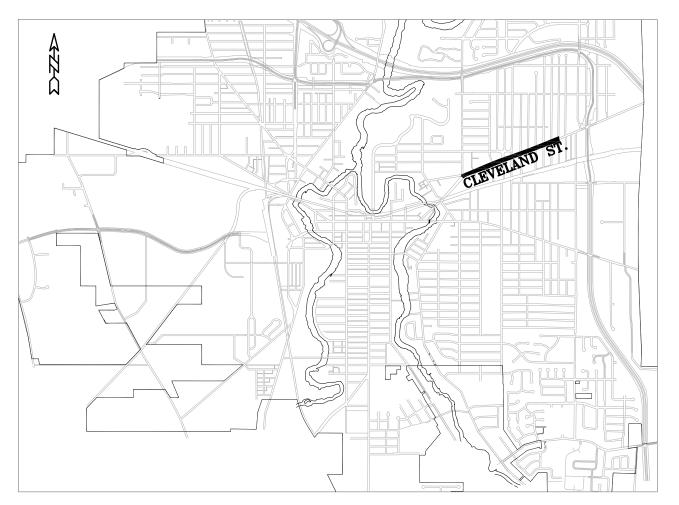
Intergovernmental Review and Consultation (IGRC):

**Public Involvement:** 

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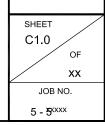


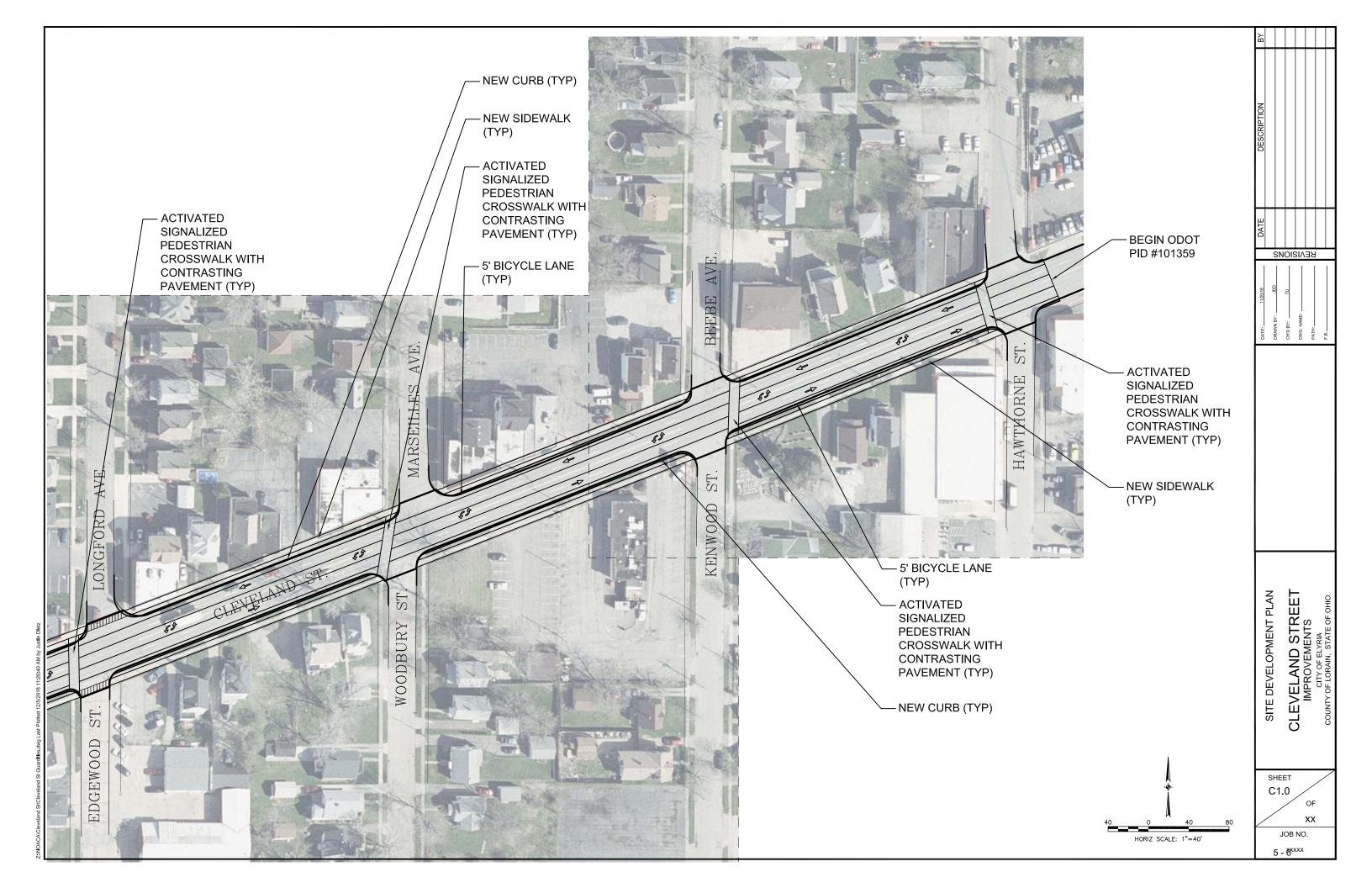
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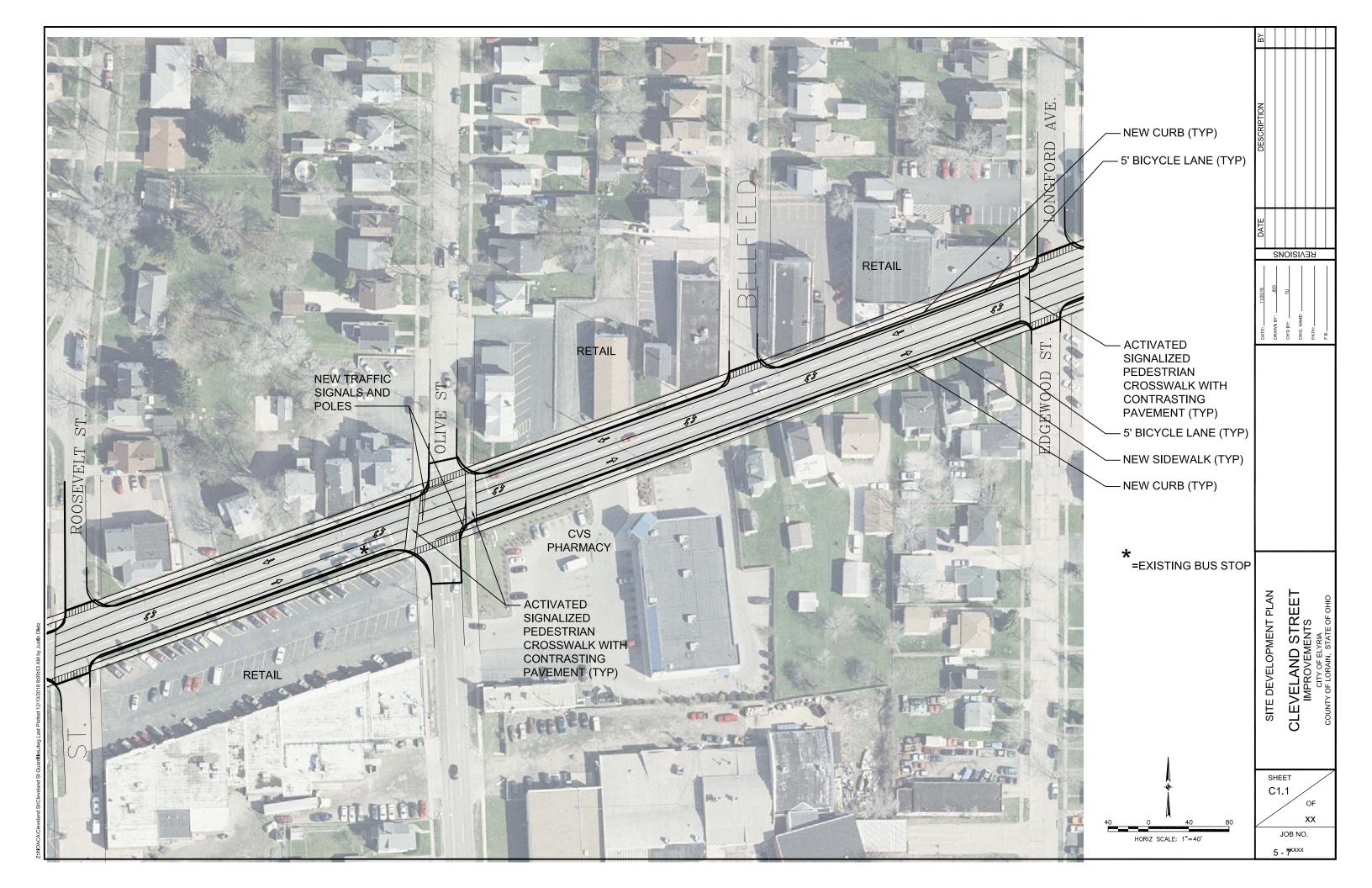
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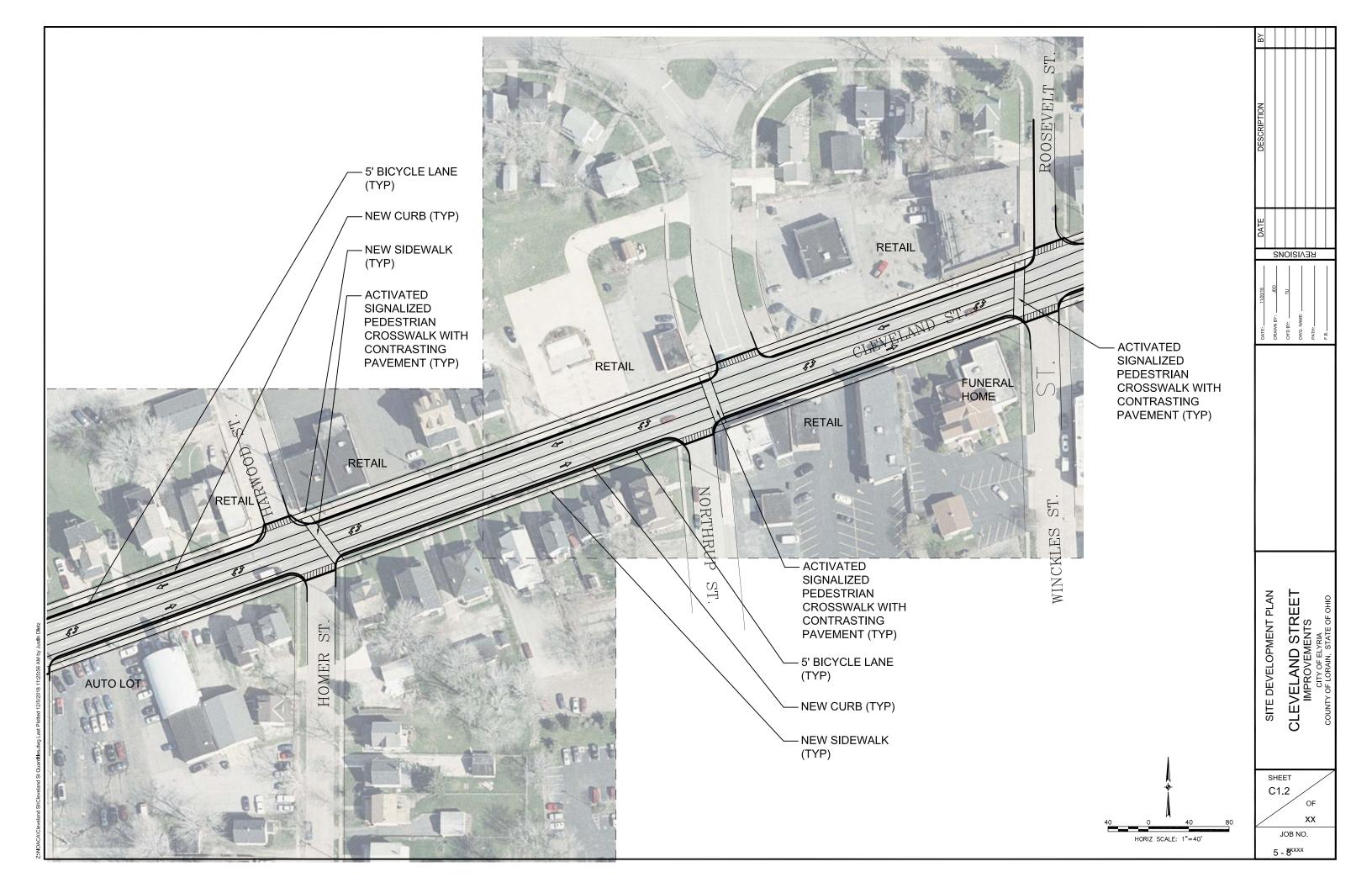
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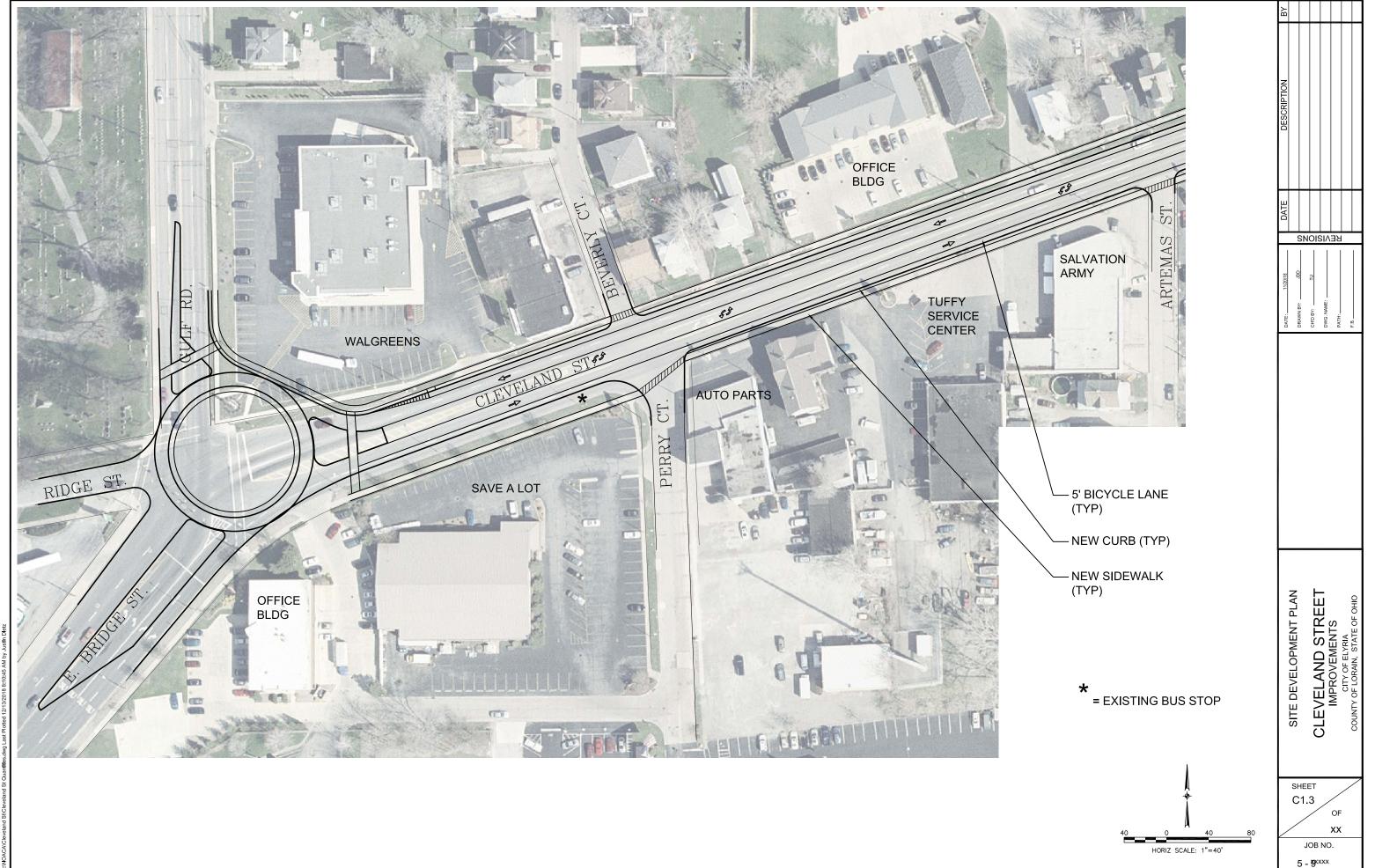
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### East Bridge Street and Cleveland Street City of Elyria, Lorain County, Ohio April 2019

### SAFETY APPLICATION SUMMARY

### PROBLEM STATEMENT

- Busy commercial corridor
- Large skews and irregular lane configurations at 2 of 3 signalized intersections
- Rear-end, sideswipe, and left-turn crashes related to driveways and wide pavement area
- Designated United States Bicycle Route 30 with no bicycle facilities
- Roadway Section Citywide Ranking #8 (Cleveland Street) and #20 (East Bridge Street) High Priority Corridors SIP FY2015

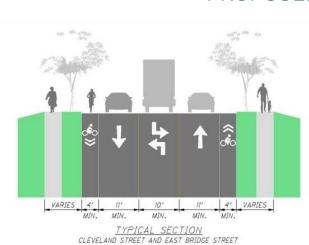
	Project Phase	Safety Study	PE - Environmental	PE - Detailed Design	Right of Way /Utilities	Construction	T-4-1
NG	Fiscal Year	2019	2021	2022	2022	2024	Total
	Project Phase Completed	X				N/A	
불	Previous Safety						\$0.00
	New Safety		\$887,000.00	\$144,000.00	\$382,000.00	\$2,992,000.00	\$4,405,000.00
Ŀ	Sponsor Funding	\$31,775.00	\$222,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$96,000.00	\$1,197,000.00	\$1,582,775.00
$\Box$	NOACA (STBG or CMAQ)					\$1,795,000.00	\$1,795,000.00
JE	Total	\$31,775.00	\$1,109,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$478,000.00	\$5,984,000.00	\$7,782,775.00

### Additional Funding Detail

PE and RW 80% Safety/20% City, Construction 50% Safety/20% City/30% Other Funding Source

The City of Elyria intends to apply for funding through NOACA for the Cleveland Street and E. Bridge Street corridors, either as STBG or CMAQ funding. Additionally, OPWC funds may be pursued.

### PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION



MODIFIED LANE USE AND PHASING



ROAD DIET TREATMENT



NON-CIRCULAR ROUNDABOUT

CRASH DATA SUMMARY									
Signalized Intersections									
Intersection Total PDO Injury Dry Wet/Snow									
East Bridge Street/Broad Street	12	10	2	11	1				
East Bridge Street/Cleveland Street	15	11	4	9	6				
Olive Street/Cleveland Street	11	9	2	5	6				
Total Intersections	38	30	8	25	13				
Road Segments Between Signalized Intersections									

Road Segments Between Signalized Intersections										
East Bridge Street Segment										
From	To	Total	PDO	Injury Dry Wet/Snow						
Broad Street	Cleveland Street	23	21	2	16	7				
Cleveland Street Segment										
East Bridge Street	Olive Street	23	16	7	20	3				
Olive Street	Hawthorne Street	16	12	4	14	2				
Total Cleveland Street segments		39	28	11	34	5				
Total Road Segments		62	49	13	50	12				
Total Stu	100	79	21	75	25					

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- Apply a road diet treatment to the East Bridge Street and Cleveland Street Corridors
- Stripe bike lanes throughout the length of both corridors

- Replace curb on Cleveland Street; sidewalk repairs where needed Improvements to the signalized intersections of East Bridge Street at Broad Street and Cleveland Street at Olive Street
- Improve the intersection of East Bridge Street/Cleveland Street with four-leg non-circular roundabout
- Modify lane use and signal phasing at East Bridge Street/Broad Street



### NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: NOACA Business Advisory Council

**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: November 29, 2019

RE: Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) Update

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

No action is requested at this time. This item is included for information and discussion only.

### **BACKGROUND**

NOACA's Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) Program provides assistance to communities for integrated transportation and land use planning and projects that strengthen community livability. TLCI advances the goals of NOACA's Regional Strategic Plan by:

- Developing transportation projects that provide more travel options
- Promoting reinvestment in underutilized or vacant/abandoned properties
- Supporting economic development
- Ensuring that the benefits of growth and change are available to all members of a community
- Enhancing regional cohesion
- Providing people with safe and reliable transportation choices

The TLCI Program has two components: The TLCI Planning Studies Program and the TLCI Implementation Program. The TLCI Planning Studies Program assists communities to develop transportation planning studies that facilitate and promote sustainable development, multimodal transportation, and complete and green streets. The TLCI Implementation Program provides funding assistance for communities to implement priority projects identified in TLCI or TLCI-like community developed plans.

This year NOACA is soliciting applications for its Planning Study program that promote regional benefit. Applications for community-based planning studies **that do not** provide a larger regional benefit are not considered to be eligible. Examples of studies that provide a regional benefit and that are being considered this round by NOACA are:

- Downtown Cleveland Transportation Connectivity Study
- Regional Metroparks Trails/Transportation Connections Study
- Regional Lakefront Transportation Connections Study

An application round was opened for both planning studies and implementation projects on August 29, 2019. On October 11, 2019, NOACA received 20 requests for funding: 4 planning study requests totaling about \$476,000 in funding and 16 implementation project requests totaling about \$4.8 million in funding. NOACA's

anticipated three regional planning study projects total \$700,000 in funding. All requests are being evaluated based on the criteria established in the TLCI Policy. Projects requested for both the planning studies and implementation projects are attached.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is \$2 million in available funding for the 2020 TLCI program. The TLCI program is funded by an annual set aside from NOACA's Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds during the development of NOACA's annual Overall Work Program and biennial Transportation Improvement Program.

### **CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

Input received from the Council will be incorporated into the application evaluations.

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Attachment 1 – Applicant and NOACA TLCI Planning Study Requests

**Attachment 2 – TLCI Implementation Project Requests** 

### **Attachment 1: Applicant and NOACA TLCI Planning Study Requests**

	SFY20 Applicant TLCI Planning Study Requests								
#	Project Sponsor	Study Name Project Location Proj		Project Description		Total Project Cost		Local Funding Committed	
1	Broadview Heights	Broadview Heights Citywide Bicycle and Multi-use Path Master Plan			90,000	\$	18,000	\$	72,000
2	Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works	Cuyahoga County Lakefront Transportation Connection Study	Cuyhaoga County	\$ 600,000		\$	400,000	\$	200,000
3	Lake County General Health 3 District Chagrin River Corridor & Lakefront Trail Connection Plan		Lake County	\$	250,000	\$	110,000	\$	140,000
4	Medina County Metro Parks Medina County Greenways Plan		Medina County	\$	80,000	-	16,000		64,000
	TOTAL SFY20 NOACA TLCI Planning Study Projects				1,020,000	\$	544,000	\$	476,000
#	Project Sponsor	Study Name	Project Location	1	Total Project Cost		cal Funding ommitted		ACA Funding Requested
5	NOACA	Downtown Cleveland Transportation Connectivity Study	Cleveland	\$	250,000	\$	-	\$	250,000
6	NOACA	Regional Lakefront Transportation Connections Study	Cuyhaoga, Lake, and Lorain Counties	\$	150,000	\$	-	\$	150,000
7	NOACA	Regional Metroparks Trails Transportation Connections Study	Regional	\$	200,000	_	-	\$	200,000
	PLANNING STUDIES TOTAL			\$ \$	1,620,000	<b>\$</b>	544,000	\$ \$	600,000 1,076,000

NOACA SFY2020 TLCI Implementation Project Requests									
#	Project Sponsor	Project Name	Project Location	Total Project Cost	Local Funding Committed	NOACA Funding Requested			
1	Avon	French Creek Greenway - Phase 1	Avon	\$ 1,118,410	\$ 718,410	\$ 400,000			
2	Bay Village	Interurban Connector Trail Project	Bay Village	\$ 211,508	\$ -	\$ 211,508			
3	Broadview Heights	Avery Road Improvement (Royalton Rd. (SR82)) to Oakes Rd.	Broadview Heights	\$ 1,332,750	\$ 1,169,216	\$ 163,534			
4	Cleveland	Union Avenue-Broadway to Kinsman	Cleveland	\$ 6,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 400,000			
5	Cleveland Metroparks	Richmond Road All Purpose Trail Connector	Glenwillow + Oakwood	\$ 367,800	\$ -	\$ 367,800			
6	Elyria	Downtown Elyria Revitalization and Conn. (Phase 4)	Elyria	\$ 348,630	\$ 148,630	\$ 200,000			
7	Euclid	Euclid Avenue and E.260th Street Business District Intersection	Euclid	\$ 140,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 120,000			
8	Grafton	Envision Main Street Project Phase 1	Grafton	\$ 1,300,360	\$ 900,360	\$ 400,000			
9	Mayfield Heights	Mayfield Heights Intersection Safety Improvements	Mayfield Heights	\$ 534,386	\$ -	\$ 534,386			
10	North Royalton	State Rd. Sidewalks-North-City Hall to Akins	North Royalton	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000			
11	North Royalton	State Rd. Sidewalks-South-Akins to Valley Parkway	North Royalton	\$ 209,745	\$ 25,000	\$ 184,745			
12	Olmsted Township	Strearns Rd. Sidwalk and Intersection Improvement Project	Olmsted Township	\$ 800,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 700,000			
13	Parma	Broadview + Ridgewood Road Gateway Project	Parma	\$ 279,793	\$ -	\$ 198,629			
14	Parma Heights	Parma Heights Pearl Road TLCI Implementation (Phase 4)	Parma Heights	\$ 301,076	\$ -	\$ 301,076			
15	Shaker Heights	Warrensville/South Woodland Intersection Pedestrian Improvements	Shaker Heights	\$ 235,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 155,000			
16	Wadsworth	Downtown Wadsworth Infrastructure Project	Wadsworth	\$ 7,264,000	\$ 686,400	\$ 400,000			
	TOTAL	'	1	\$ 21,043,458	\$ 5,348,016	\$ 4,836,678			



# NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Business Advisory Council

**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: November 29, 2019

RE: Stakeholder Capacity Building Update

#### **ACTION REQUESTED**

No action is requested at this time. This item is for information and presentation purpose only.

#### **BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION**

The division of External Engagement and Public Affairs will support the Business Advisory Council (BAC) with the focus areas that were established and approved for 2019:

- 1) Advocacy and outreach for federal, state and local priorities
- 2) Public Engagement (including areas of Environmental Justice)
- 3) Reestablishing relationships with business community

An External Affairs Operating model has been developed to focus on several areas built around roles and responsibilities, leadership, and organizational structure to ensure that all communications, advocacy, and public engagement efforts to build stronger stakeholders relationships are met.

The presentation will update the current results of the BAC's working group initiatives to help NOACA build their stakeholder capacity plan.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

#### **CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

NOACA staff will meet in December to finalize the Stakeholder Capacity Building Plan for use.

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# NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY MEMORANDUM

TO: Business Advisory Council

**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

**DATE:** November 29, 2019

**RE:** Membership Expansion of Advisory Councils

#### **ACTION REQUESTED**

The following is for information purposes only and no action is being requested at this time.

#### **BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION**

The Governance Committee recently discussed expanding the membership of the Advisory Councils to include emerging future leaders, which will advance the Charter count from 15 to 18 members.

The purpose of expanding the membership count to the Councils will allow emerging professionals opportunities to help advance and reinforce NOACA's mission and agenda. The inclusion of emerging future leaders is expected to help spark new ideas, approaches and perspectives for growing NOACA's stakeholder and community connections, especially targeting specific messages to other future leaders.

The request includes the expansion of three seats for each council. The future leaders will help the Council build and enhance relationships with various government agencies and subdivisions, the media and public. NOACA advisory councils, whose make-up of business representatives, the general public and large groups affected by transportation decisions, could better inform the Committee's recommendations to the NOACA Board of Directors and enhance NOACA's advocacy on infrastructure-related and environmental issues.

The Councils help monitor community reactions to agency policy, proposals, and progress early in the planning process, and supplement the public involvement activities that NOACA staff performs. The Council also assist the External Affairs Committee in developing agency policies for outreach to the public, business and rural communities.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact at this time.

#### CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

The External Affairs Committee and NOACA staff will recruit members for each advisory council and establish meeting schedules.

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**Attachment – Business Advisory Council Charter** 

#### NOACA BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL CHARTER

**PURPOSE:** 

The Business Advisory Council will provide insight and feedback on how NOACA programs and policies are affecting business and economic development in Greater Cleveland to the External Relations Committee.

GOALS:

The NOACA Business Advisory Council seeks to:

 Promote awareness and encourage participation by the business community in all of NOACA plans and programs.

**ACTIVITIES:** 

The Business Advisory Council will:

- Assist in the communication of NOACA's Regional Strategic Plan to ensure the agency's vision is understood by the business community.
- Provide business and economic development representation in the development of regional plans and policies.
- Provide Board and staff with guidance that conveys the perspectives of the Greater Cleveland business community.
- Advise the External Affairs Committee and Executive Director on current business conditions.

**MEMBERSHIP:** 

The Business Advisory Council will have 15 members selected from among small business owners, corporations, unionized labor, trade associations, universities, chambers of commerce etc. The membership will consist of 11 that are proportionately defined by county/city and 4 that are at-large seats as follows: 4 Cuyahoga; 2 Cleveland; 1 Geauga; 1 Lake; 2 Lorain; 1 Medina; 4 At-Large. Membership terms will be two years.

REPORTING RELATIONSHIP:

The Council reports to the External Affairs Committee.

**MEETINGS**:

The Council will hold regular meetings on a quarterly basis. Special meetings may be called as needed. A majority of Council members shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

AGENDA AND MINUTES:

The chair will be responsible for establishing agendas for meetings, which will be sent to council members at least seven days in advance of the meeting. Minutes will be approved by council members at the following meeting.

**STAFFING:** 

Agency staff shall provide the Council with administrative and technical support as directed by the chair.



# NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY MEMORANDUM

TO: Business Advisory Council

**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: November 29, 2019

RE: SAVE: NOACA'S Plan for Transportation Safety

#### **ACTION REQUESTED**

No action is requested at this time. This item is for information and presentation only.

#### **BACKGROUND**

NOACA has recently completed SAVE Plan; NOACA's Plan for Transportation Safety. The purpose of the SAVE Plan is to save lives in the NOACA region by identifying actions to reduce the most severe crashes that too often result in fatalities and serious injuries. The SAVE Plan was developed with the vision that traffic deaths and injuries can be prevented with appropriate planning, policies and programs, with a long-term goal of reducing the number of fatalities and serious injuries by 50% by the year 2040. The SAVE Plan provides direction that will enable NOACA and others to work together to set goals and work toward the vision this Plan establishes for the region.

Achieving a safer transportation network requires addressing the interaction among the infrastructure, vehicles and the skill and behavior of travelers. The SAVE Plan incorporates a "6 E's" approach into the safety planning process, acknowledging the key roles that engineering, education, enforcement, emergency response, evaluation, and equity all play in preventing severe crashes and saving lives. After evaluating 10 years of crash data to identify trends, ten emphasis areas associated with fatal and serious injury crashes were identified

- Intersection
- Roadway Departure
- Young Driver
- Speed
- Impaired Driving
- Older Driver
- Motorcycle
- Pedestrian
- Distracted Driving

#### Bicycle

At the meeting, the presentation will provide more detail about the Plan. The full Plan is available on NOACA's website at this link.

In order to influence emphasis areas closely associated with driver behavior, the Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO) and ODOT work together to develop a rolling calendar of safety campaign messaging to raise public awareness on specific emphasis areas and initiatives promoted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Typically these campaigns involve messaging pushed out via social media and press releases, supported with messaging by ODOT on freeway message boards, and often coupled with increased enforcement. The full OTSO safety calendar may be viewed on their website at this link.

NOACA encourages local public safety partners to be aware of broad safety campaign messaging and to use campaign materials provided by <u>Traffic Safety Marketing</u> and ODOT (including the "<u>Your Move</u>" campaign) to educate and encourage road users in their jurisdictions to obey traffic laws and practice safer behaviors.

Continuing support of education and outreach programs is necessary to make and continue positive changes in behavior of the traveling public. At the national level, significant reductions have been made in reducing the rate of fatalities for unbelted motorists (reduced from 54% to 48% between 2007 to 2016) and alcohol-impaired driving fatalities (reduced from 32% to 28% between 2007 to 2016); however, both emphasis areas still comprise a large fraction of all crash fatalities. (Source: Terry Shelton, Associate Administrator, National Center for Statistics and Analysis, "2016 Fatal Crash Overview" presented on December 14, 2017.)

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact.

#### **CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

NOACA will develop and support key initiatives in partnership with other organizations to advance safe projects and to encourage safer traveler behavior. Agencies within the NOACA region are encouraged to assist the Ohio Traffic Safety Office with maximizing impact of statewide message campaigns by cross-promoting these messages at the community level.

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### **REPORTS/UPDATES**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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